

City of Corunna  
Regular Council Meeting  
Monday, October 18, 1999

Present: Weaver, Bayless, Bendall, Dumond, Hornus, Ockerman, Runyan.

Absent: None.

Guests: Lisa Hitchcock, City Manager; Bill Lulham; Jackie Leone, The Argus Press; Judy Horton; Tim Crawford, Superintendent of Public Works; Chief Mark Hetfield, Police Department; Ginny Brooks; Janice Holland; Jim Hein; Larry Friess; Sandy Weaver; Stephanie Wuttke, The Independent; Officer Kevin Clark, Police Department; and other concerned citizens.

The meeting was called to order in the City Council Chambers by Mayor Weaver at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Weaver read and presented a proclamation to the Corunna Women's Club representative, President Ginny Brooks, in recognition of their 100-year anniversary.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING: Hornus moved, Dumond seconded to approve the October 4, 1999 Regular Council Minutes as printed.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ockerman, Dumond, Hornus, Runyan, Bayless, Bendall.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

AGENDA APPROVAL: Hornus moved, Dumond seconded to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Item No. 6) Consider Modifications to the Water Tower Repainting Bid.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bayless, Runyan, Bendall, Ockerman, Dumond, Hornus.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS: Bendall moved, Bayless seconded to approve the vendor disbursements as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Runyan, Ockerman, Bayless, Hornus, Bendall, Dumond.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE – CITIZEN IN-PUT TO THE CITY COUNCIL: Doug Lyon advised that he would be filing a grievance with the city manager regarding an incident that happened on October 9, 1999 at 2:05 p.m. He further advised that Officer Kevin Clark had disregarded a no trespassing sign and trespassed on the property at 510 N. Brady St., and spoke to Joann Burt, the property owner, regarding two vehicles, a gray Camaro and a blue station wagon, on the property. He also advised that at no time did Officer Clark ask if the Camaro ran or how many days the car had been outside. Mr. Lyon stated that Officer Clark asked Ms. Burt if the blue station wagon ran and he was told that it did, but she did not start it because it was not her car. He further stated that Ms. Burt told Officer Clark that the gray Camaro had

not been outside 30 days yet. Officer Clark told Ms. Burt that he would stop back on October 11 to speak with Mr. Lyon. Mr. Lyon advised that at 7:03 p.m. on October 9, 1999, Officer Paul Richardson disregarded the same no trespassing sign and trespassed on the property. He came upon the porch, said nothing and proceeded to write on a piece of paper. Mr. Lyon stated that he told Officer Richardson that he was trespassing and asked Officer Richardson to leave the property. Mr. Lyon further stated that Officer Richardson was told again to leave the property or the sheriff would be called. Officer Richardson stated "I encourage you to do that" and Mr. Lyon advised that he did call the sheriff's department. Officer Richardson then dropped off a ten-day removal notice on the porch and then left the property. Mr. Lyon further stated that at no time did Officer Richardson ask if the gray Camaro ran, how many days it had been on the pad or ask about the blue station wagon. Mr. Lyon also stated that the police officers have once again violated the 30-day notice time frame. Mr. Lyon advised that the gray Camaro has been on the pad for 17 days and the blue station wagon does run and is driven. He further advised that if Officer Clark had come back on October 11, he would have been glad to show him that the car did start. Mr. Lyon stated that he was getting tired of the harassment and would like it to stop. Joann Burt advised that she is the property owner at 510 N. Brady St., has lived in the city for 25 years and also believes that it is harassment. She further advised that the cars are being repaired. Mayor Weaver thanked Mr. Lyon and Ms. Burt for bringing the situation to council's attention and advised that the situation would be looked into.

Bill Lulham advised that he read in the newspaper that the city was looking at making Mack Street a one-way street from Shiawassee Street to Brady Street and from Shiawassee Street to Woodworth Street. He further advised that a study was done when he sat on the council and it found that changing Mack Street to a one-way street would cause more problems and accidents. Mayor Weaver advised that a meeting would be held on October 25 to discuss the proposed construction and invited Mr. Lulham to attend. Mayor Weaver further advised that a number of accidents have occurred at the Shiawassee Street and Mack Street intersection. The city's engineers have looked at the situation and have proposed changing the street to one-way to resolve the situation. He also advised that the street work would be done at the same time as the streetscape. Councilperson Ockerman advised that he has talked to several people and they do not want the street changed but when he looked at the area, the change has merit. The two corners are dangerous. Mr. Lulham advised that changing the street to one-way for one block did not make sense and suggested changing the whole street to one-way. Mayor Weaver advised that people will have to change their driving habits, but hopefully, the changes will resolve some of the traffic problems that the corners are currently experiencing. Mr. Lulham asked if any crack sealing would be done on the city streets and advised that the streets are not being maintained. He stated that the residents are paying our employees good money but any major work that needs to be done is contracted out. He further stated that since most of the work is contracted out then maybe the city should contract out everything. Mr. Lulham asked if the city has received any payments from the Historical Commission on the \$30,000 loan that the city made to them. Ms. Hitchcock advised yes, the city received \$5,000 this year.

Robert Sprague advised that the No Left Turn sign at K-Mart is a hazard. People turn left into K-Mart all the time and are not being ticketed. He further advised that the sign is stupid. Mayor Weaver asked if the signage belonged to the city. Chief Hetfield advised yes.

Mayor Weaver advised that the city would look into the situation. Mr. Sprague asked if anyone would be cleaning up the leaves in the cemetery. Councilperson Runyan advised that the leaves are cleaned up once a year after all of the leaves fall. Mr. Sprague stated it looks like the city cannot afford to take care of our cemetery.

Judy Horton asked where the property was located that Dr. Abbott has requested permission to use. Councilperson Dumond advised the open field south of the church in the Historical Village. Councilperson Ockerman if anyone had contacted the Historical Commission. Ms. Horton advised no. Ms. Hitchcock advised that she was going to recommend to council that they approve the request after the Historical Commission approved it. Councilperson Runyan stated that the Historical Commission could call a special meeting to consider the request. Councilperson Hornus advised that if there is a lot of rain beforehand and the ground gets soft then the answer would be no. Ms. Hitchcock advised that she would like the request to be approved by both the council and the historical commission. She further advised that Dr. Abbott would need to get rider on their insurance that lists the City of Corunna as an additional insured.

CONSIDER BID FOR LASER PRINTER: Dumond moved, Bendall seconded to accept the bid from Boise Technology for a Tektronix laser printer including cartridges and shipping in an amount not to exceed \$2,552.05.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Hornus, Bendall, Dumond, Bayless, Ockerman, Runyan.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER DICK ABBOTT DDS REQUEST FOR DAY PARKING ON THE STRIP OF LAND FROM THE HISTORICAL VILLAGE SOUTH TO CORUNNA AVENUE ON NOVEMBER 5, 1999 FROM 10:30 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.: Ockerman moved, Hornus seconded to grant Dr. Abbott's request to allow day parking on the strip of land from the Historical Village south to Corunna Avenue as requested with approval to be obtained from the Historical Commission.

Roll call vote:

Yes: None.

No: Bendall, Bayless, Runyan, Dumond, Hornus, Ockerman.

Motion DEFEATED

Dumond moved, Hornus seconded to grant Dr. Abbott's request, weather permitting, to allow day parking on the strip of land from the Historical Village south to Corunna Avenue for his auction, to require Dr. Abbott to obtain a rider on his insurance listing the city as an additional insured and to advise Dr. Abbott that he would be responsible for any damages that might occur.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Dumond, Hornus, Bendall, Runyan, Bayless.

No: Ockerman.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER COMPUTER SYSTEM BID: Dumond moved, Bayless seconded to approve the purchase of the Records Management Systems computer equipment in an amount not to exceed \$31,105.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ockerman, Dumond, Hornus, Runyan, Bayless, Bendall.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND LOAN TO JAN'S DINER: Ockerman

moved, Bendall seconded to approve the Economic Development Fund loan to Jan's Diner in the amount of \$100,000 for 25 years at 7.75 percent (7.75%) interest.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bayless, Runyan, Bendall, Ockerman, Dumond, Hornus.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND LOAN TO PRICE'S TRAILER SALES:

Ockerman moved, Bendall seconded to approve the Economic Development Fund loan to Price's Trailer Sales in the amount of \$150,000 for 20 years at 7.75 percent (7.75%) interest.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Runyan, Ockerman, Bayless, Hornus, Bendall, Dumond.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER MODIFICATIONS TO WATER TOWER REPAINTING BID: Dumond moved,

Ockerman seconded to accept the modifications to the water tower repainting bid in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Hornus, Bendall, Dumond, Bayless, Ockerman, Runyan.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE – CITIZEN IN-PUT TO THE CITY COUNCIL: Bill Lulham stated that it

has been a long time since the city sent out a survey and he would like to see another one done. Councilperson Ockerman advised that a questionnaire was included in the last newsletter. Ms. Hitchcock advised that the survey that was included in the last newsletter was a start. Mayor Weaver advised that a quarterly newsletter was an opportunity for the city to share with the community on what has been happening within the city.

ADJOURN: Hornus moved, Dumond seconded to adjourn.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bendall, Bayless, Runyan, Dumond, Hornus, Ockerman.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 8:28 p.m.

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YVONNE F. LONG, CITY CLERK